

VERMONT FUTURES
STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
NEW INPATIENT CAPACITY
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The Department of Buildings and General Services (BGS) requests authorization to proceed with the next step in the development of the Vermont Futures New Inpatient Facilities. The development of a project requires the solicitation of design services from Architectural and Engineering Teams to assist in the design and construction of the buildings. Often, on complex projects, these services are provided in two phases. The first phase is to develop a program of space needs, to identify potential sites, to evaluate the appropriateness of these sites, to develop conceptual plans for the building on the sites, and to determine probable costs for the construction of the project. The results of the first phase are reviewed and project sites are selected. The second phase is a continuation of the design process necessary to document the design and describe the configuration of the project and the materials and equipment to be included in the project. Acquiring permits and approvals for the construction of the project are also performed during this phase of the project. The design team, as a part of the second phase work, will assist in the bidding process for construction as well as in the oversight of the construction phase of the project. BGS needs to be ready to continue with the design process when decisions are made as to the final size of the facilities as well as to the proposed location.

Anticipating the decisions will be forthcoming for the facility sizes and locations in July 2006; BGS needs to proceed with the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for this second phase of the project development process. Similar to the RFP process used for contracting with Architecture Plus for the phase one services, it will take approximately three to four months to be ready to sign the contract. At this time, we are only asking that we be allowed to proceed with the RFP process. The funds necessary to execute the contract at the end of the RFP process will not need to be released until July 2006. Understanding the concerns of the Legislature, the Request for Proposals will clearly indicate the phase two work will not start until the facility sizes and locations are approved by the Mental Health Oversight Committee. Authorizing BGS to proceed with the RFP process will allow us to be ready to continue design of the project as soon as the appropriate approvals are received from the Legislature. This will require the subsequent release of the FY '06 and FY '07 appropriated funds for the VSH New Inpatient Facilities in July 2006.